

November 15, 2012

Dear Mr. Ciancaglini,

Last year, the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) and the New York State Department of Health convened a roundtable to address a public health issue of great importance: sports concussion and the implementation of New York's Concussion Management and Awareness Act (CMAA). The October meeting provided a platform for the vigorous exchange of ideas and insights related to implementation and promoted further research and consensus building.

We will be reconvening a roundtable on **Tuesday, December 4, 2012, from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the School of Public Health in Albany, New York.** We are pleased that Karen McAvoy, PsyD, author of Colorado's REAP Project (Reduce, Educate, Accommodate, Pace) and the framework for the NYS adaptation of this well-regarded concussion management program, will be presenting. We hope that you will again join us and share your perspective on the newly implemented law as well as core components for concussion management programs.

The goals of the roundtable are:

- to discuss implementation of the CMAA in schools and school districts;
- to discuss and develop a consensus on core components of a comprehensive concussion management program and what might be "best practice" recommendations for a concussion program;
- to provide an opportunity for networking and brainstorming regarding future collaborations;
and
- to provide a forum for open dialogue, exchange of ideas, and consensus building

Your participation would add greatly to the discussion and underscore the importance of concussion management in youth sports. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Please contact us for additional information or with any questions you may have.

The meeting will be held at the School of Public Health, University at Albany, 1 University Place, Rensselaer, New York, 12144. Click here for maps and directions: http://www.albany.edu/sph/map_directions.php Parking is available in the student lot across the walkway from the building. See attached campus map. Please call Jan Fleischner at (518) 459-7911 or email jfleischner@bianys.org by Tuesday, November 27th to confirm your participation.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Regards,



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